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1. Approximately 1,800 Albanians of all military classes and ages escaped to Yugoslavia shortly after the Tito-Cominform rift. The first intention of Yugoslavia was to send them to General Markos' Greek Rebels. Markos' subsequent pro-Cominform stand altered this situation, however.
2. Most of these Albanians are currently stationed in the camp at Tetovo where they now compose assault companies allegedly undergoing training for use against anti-Tito elements in Yugoslavia. They will be transferred in the near future to the headquarters of the Sixth Corps in Bosnia where Yugoslav and international elements were previously trained as reinforcements for Markos.
3. Albania recently sent the Greek Rebel Army 48 light and heavy machine guns, 22 German anti-tank guns, 55 cases of hand grenades, 87 Soviet machine pistols and uniforms. The materiel was originally sent through Yugoslavia to Albania at the behest of the Soviet Union. Because of Albanian pilferage of these supplies, two Soviet officials recently arrived in Korca to check on shipments to Greece.
4. Yugoslav maneuvers were recently held by units of the Fifth Army Corps (headquarters at Skoplje) from a base at Negotin under the command of General Juro Pavlevic. The maneuvers were conducted along the entire Albanian border and involved medium and heavy tanks, flame throwers, smoke barrage, anti-aircraft guns and air support.
5. Although Yugoslav troops are now returning to their regular garrison posts, the building of fortifications along the Yugoslav-Albanian border continues.

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